

Parents,

Please sign the bottom of this letter stating that your child has received the summer reading book and worksheet. Please return the bottom portion to me. The summer reading worksheet should be completed and turned in at the beginning of next school year, or your child will receive a zero for their grade. I hope you have a wonderful summer!

Thank you,
Mrs. Baker
4th, 5th, & 6th
Language Arts

6th Grade Summer Reading

My child, _____, has received the summer reading book and worksheet. I understand that the book must be read, the worksheet completed, and the book returned at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year in order for my child to receive a grade.

Parent's Signature

Student's Signature

Name

My Side Of the Mountain

Class 6th Grade

Total questions: 25

Date

Worksheet time: 12mins

1. What is the main character's name?
 - a) Chris McCandless
 - b) Sam Gibley
 - c) Mark Smith
 - d) Sam Gamgee

2. Why did Sam leave home?
 - a) His family abused him
 - b) To find his grandfather's land
 - c) His parents kicked him out
 - d) He tried to go on a hike and got lost

3. Sam's father thought that Sam would actually find his grandfather's land in the Catskill Mountains.
 - a) True
 - b) False

4. Who is Sam's best friend?
 - a) Bando
 - b) Marco
 - c) Liz
 - d) Himself

5. How did Sam get his pet falcon?
- a) When the falcon got injured as a baby, Sam nursed it back to health
 - b) Sam tried to hunt it and then kept it instead
 - c) Sam stole the baby falcon out of its nest
 - d) Sam bought the falcon at a pet store with his \$40
6. What is Sam's pet falcon's name?
- a) Fluffy
 - b) Frightful
 - c) Spooky
 - d) Cookie
7. What did Sam bring with him when he left home? (Select all that apply.)
- a) A knife
 - b) A map
 - c) \$40
 - d) Flint/steel
8. Why couldn't Sam cook the first fish that he caught?
- a) He couldn't get a fire going
 - b) He was too lazy to cook it
 - c) His dad said he was not allowed to
 - d) The fish got off the hook
9. How did Sam kill a deer?
- a) He shot it
 - b) He trapped it
 - c) It was already dead when he found it
 - d) Sam never encountered a deer

10. How did Sam learn to hunt for shellfish?
- a) He read about it in a library book b) His dad taught him
c) He watched a raccoon hunting d) Trial and error
 mussels
11. Sam survived the winter in the wilderness.
- a) True b) False
12. How does Sam's father find him in the wilderness?
- a) Someone told his father where he b) His father called his name until
 was living Sam ran to him
c) His father was out hunting and d) His father guessed where he was
 found him by accident and got lucky
13. What does Bando give to Sam the first time they meet?
- a) Happiness b) A book
c) A coat d) Sugar
14. Who does Sam have a Halloween party with?
- a) Animals b) His family
c) No one - he was alone d) A volleyball
15. A forest ranger thought that Sam had started a _____
- a) Gang b) Forest fire
c) Party d) Chemical power plant

16. Sam teaches Frightful to _____ (Select all that apply.)
- a) Hunt
 - b) Gather fruit
 - c) Come at a whistle
 - d) Build a shelter
17. _____ forces Sam to help pick strawberries
- a) Mrs. Turner
 - b) Ms. Tulip
 - c) Mr. Bando
 - d) Mrs. Fielder
18. Why is Sam on the news?
- a) He got caught setting fires
 - b) Hunters talked about a "Wild Boy" who stole their deer
 - c) He accidentally killed someone
 - d) The police found him hiding in the forest alone
19. Sam turned another tree into _____
- a) A guesthouse
 - b) A storage area
 - c) An animal shelter
 - d) Frightful's nest
20. Sam's family finds him and forces him to return home.
- a) True
 - b) False

21. Why did Matt Spell come visit Sam?
- a) Matt wanted to live in the wilderness with Sam
 - b) Matt wanted to write a story about Sam
 - c) Matt was Sam's best friend from home
 - d) Matt found Sam by accident
22. Sam spent about a year living by himself.
- a) True
 - b) False
23. What did Sam struggle with while living in his tree? (Select all that apply.)
- a) Loneliness
 - b) Learning to gather and cook his own food
 - c) Staying warm during winter
 - d) All of the above
24. How does Sam narrate his story?
- a) He talks to other people about it
 - b) He gets caught and tells the police
 - c) Sam is not the narrator in the book
 - d) He writes it down in a journal
25. How does Sam eventually find his grandfather's land?
- a) He uses a map
 - b) He guesses and gets lucky
 - c) By exploring
 - d) His dad helps him